21st February 1955]

House-sites for Harijans in Kaniyur

* 699 [a] *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state whether Rs. 800 was collected by Government from 35 Harijans of Kaniyur, Udumalpet taluk, Coimbatore, for the assignment of house-sites to them on 1st November 1946?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Only a sum of Rs. 500 was deposited by the Harijans as their share of the cost of acquisition of land."

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY :—" அவர்களுக்கு இடம் இல்லையென்று வேறிடத்தில் வாங்கித்தருவதாக சர்க்கார் வாங்கியிருக்கிறது. 1946-ம் வருஷத்திலிருந்து இதுவரையில் ஏன் இச்சட்டப்படி கொடுக்கவில்லை. பலதடவை கலெக்டரைப் பார்த்தும் நடவடிக்கை எடுக்கச் சொல்லியும் ஏன் நடவடிக்கை எடுக்கவில்லை ?"

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Orders have since been passed for granting the award."

SRI A. RATNAM :—" சென்ற பத்து ஆண்டு காலமாக ஹரிஜனங்களிடமிருந்து பணம் வாங்கியும்கூட இந்த சர்க்கார் ஏன் அவர்களுக்கு நிலம் வாங்கிக்கொடுக்கக்கூடாது ? பக்கத்தில் புறம்போக்கு நிலங்கள் இருக்கும் போது 10 ஆண்டு காலமாக நிலத்தை வழங்காததற்கு காரணம் கூற முடியுமா ?"

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Some progress has been made every year. Finally, the Government have passed orders quite recently."

SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM :—" In this case, the money was asked to be deposited in the year 1946. But the land was not given to the persons concerned. The Hon. Minister says that the land has since been given. Why was the land not given for nearly 9 years while the money was all along with the Government officials? What is the reason for this delay? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Partly because the Harijans did not go to the land shown by the Government and partly because of the cumbersome process involved in the land acquisition proceedings."

Lower Bhavani and Malampuzha Projects

* 792 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state with reference to the answer to clause (*c*) of question No. 1215 (starred) given on 11th August 1954, the amount so far spent by the Government in the work of relief and rehabilitation of persons affected by the construction of the Lower Bhavani and Malampuzha Projects?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" A sum of rupees 7,88,732–11–8 was spent on relief and rehabilitation of the

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persons affected by the Lower Bhavani Project. As regards Malampuzha Project, the Collector's proposals for relief and rehabilitation of the persons affected are under consideration."

* 793 *Q.*—Sri K. C. GOPALAN UNNI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any memorandum from Messrs. R. Krishnan, T. C. Narayanan Nambiar and K. C. Gopalan Unni, M.L.As. in August 1951, regarding the relief to people affected by the execution of the Malampuzha Project; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) The representations are under consideration."

Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" On a representation made with regard to relief to the persons dispossessed in connection with the Malampuzha Project, the Government, on 4th March 1954, gave a reply stating that they would be opening a boat service across the Malampuzha Reservoir and that agricultural labourers 'thrown out of employment due to acquisition of lands for the project will be assigned small plots of land'. I would like to know whether anything has been done in pursuance of the assurance given by the Government in this interval."

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" In pursuance of the assurance given, many things are being done. A ferry service has been opened and it is continuing. As regards rehabilitation of the unemployed and depressed persons by assignment of lands, the Collector is taking steps. As regards relief to Adivasis, it is proposed to house them at the dam site where we have got hutments. But it is also thought that they may not live there because they want to live like free birds. They may go away to the jungles. If they cannot live there, then we shall take steps to put them on some other land. As regards relief to the landless cultivators and unemployed labour, permission has now been given to a particular company to run a boat service so that the people may go across the reservoir and work on the field. As regards compensation for crops submerged, the Government have foregone their legitimate due. On the last occasion when I was answering a question on this subject, I said that the Government had given up Rs. 10,000 on account of this. As regards acquisition of lands which became inaccessible on account of the formation of the reservoir, there is now a ferry service and people can go across the reservoir. There is also a proposal to have a road along the bank. Estimates have been called for from the Engineer and when they are received, steps will be taken."